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A SMART REPORTER.

How He Learned the Secrets of a Legislative Caucus.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.] Eakins was only 19 years old then, but he attracted the attention of Col. Kelley, of The Louisville Commercial. When the session of the legislature began in October the colonel resolved to send him to Frankfort as that paper's correspondent. He went to Frankfort with the determination to unearth sensations, and he succeeded. Many were the devices to which he had to resort to obtain the news in spite of the hostility of the members. One of the cleverest and most amusing was the way in which he obtained the proceedings of the Democratic caucus. For the purpose of excluding him, it was resolved to admit no newspaper men. A re-porter is not easily daunted however, and Eakins considered that all things were fair in the enemy's camp. The first evening thereafter he went into the upper gallery of the house and hid under a row of back seats. When the caucus was assembled, however, a search was ordered, and Joe's feet were discovered sticking out from under the bench by a sergeantat-arms. The official, with a laugh, ordered him to come out, and when he emerged, covered with dust and humilia-

chorus of derisive yells. He walked out, but he did not give up the fight. A pipe from the stove in the house passed back into the cloak-room. Securing a step-ladder he mounted, and placing his car to the pipe, heard every word that was uttered. The voices of the members were perfectly familiar to him by this time, and his dispatch was unusually full and complete. There was great wonder the next day, and this was intensified when that evening's caucus proceedings were also reported in detail. It was at first thought that he was in the confidence of some member, but the next day the secret leaked out. The door in the cloak-room was locked and the step-ladder removed. Still, this did no good. Eakins found means to be introduced into the house early the next afternoon, and secret-ing himself behind a book-case, where, at the cost of some personal discomfort, he remained during the caucus session. He was able to do so only that time, as the person by whose connivance he had effected it was afraid to longer assist him. Another resource was discovered, and

tion, he was greeted with an enthusiastic

for two more nights the faithful reports of the proceeding were kept up. The third evening after the roll had been called the Hon Laban T. Moore arose and stated that the secretary had omitted the name of one who had always taken a deep interest in their deliberations. He desired to suggest that the secretary call the name of Joseph Eakins, member from the state-at large. His words were greeted with cheers, and when the secrefary called out the name a voice said "Here" from one of the windows. Looking out they found the indefatigable correspondent seated on the limb of a hugh tree which grew at a distance of forty or fifty feet from the win low. He had climbed the tree nd crawled out on a huge branch, whose extremity almost touched the shutters. It was not a comfortable position up there, but the reporter had a piece of soft paper and was writing up the proceedings as they went on. As fast as a sheet was finished he dropped it to the ground, when it was picked up by a messenger and taken to

The spirit of opposition had not quite died out the next evening, and a guard was placed over the tree. The day following, however, it was resolved to hold the session with open doors and, when Eakins came in a little after 8 o'clock he was greeted with a perfect ovation of shouts, yells and cheers. His plucky fight had won the hearts of all present, and he had much smoother sailing the remainder of the term.

An Absent-Minded Listener.

[French Paper.] At a cafe, one of the guests is telling a long-winded story ic a companion, who is paying it the least possible attention. "And so," says he, "and so, just as I come out of the wood, whom should I come upon but a cavalryman.

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"And what did he say to that?" says his companion, absently.
"And what did he say to that?" echoes the infuriated narrator. "Why, he said, 'Gimme a match! My eigar is out."
"Certainly! Here, waiter, bring this gentleman the matches."

Chocolate. The consumption of chocolate in this country is largely on the increase, one manufacturer stating that last year he made 1,500,000 pounds and used a ton of sugar per day. The best cocoa beans come from Venezuela and Mexico, and the cheapest from Sau Domingo. The

two great chocolate consuming countries are France and the United States. Brooklyn Times: When the contractor is fat the mechanic's lien.

Tempering the Storm. According to a French scientist the force of storms can be lessened by placing a large number of lightning rods on the telegraph poles along railway lines. Adbertisements.

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